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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT TO MOSCOW

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1. PRAVDA OF APRIL 19 PUBLISHES TASS REPORT OF  
BREZHNEV-GIEREK MEETING AND TEXTS OF SPEECHES GIVEN BY  
THE TWO LEADERS AT AWARD CEREMONY FOR GIEREK (ASSUME  
DEPARTMENT HAS FBIS TEXTS). AMONG THE MOST SALIENT  
POINTS WERE:

-- THE BLAME PLACED IN THE TASS REPORT ON THE U.S. AND  
ITS NATO ALLIES FOR FANNING THE ARMS RACE;

-- BREZHNEV'S STATEMENT TO GIEREK THAT THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF A DEVELOPED SOCIALIST SOCIETY "IS NOT A SIMPLE TASK,  
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DEMANDING THE SOLUTION OF MAJOR, AT TIMES DIFFICULT  
PROBLEMS" WITH WHICH BREZHNEV WAS CERTAIN POLAND IS  
CAPABLE OF DEALING. THIS CAN BE READ AS SOVIET ENCOURAGE-  
MENT TO POLAND TO FACE UP TO AND TO SOLVE ITS ECONOMIC  
PROBLEMS PRIMARILY WITH DOMESTIC RESOURCES, HOWEVER  
PAINFUL THIS MIGHT BE. THIS OF COURSE WOULD NOT PRECLUDE  
THE SOVIETS FROM PROVIDING ASSISTANCE ON AN EXCEPTIONAL

BASIS;

-- THE STATEMENT IN THE TASS REPORT THAT THE TWO LEADERS TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS IN FULFILLMENT OF "ACCORDS ON THE JOINT SOLUTION OF A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS" IN THE AREA OF HEAVY MACHINE BUILDING, ENERGY, TRANSPORT, PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER BRANCHES OF THE ECONOMY. WE ATTACH NO PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE TO THE INCLUSION OF THESE TOPICS, IN THE TALKS. THEY ARE AREAS IN WHICH MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS EXIST AND IN WHICH WE WOULD EXPECT PROGRESS TO BE NOTED. WE ASSUME THAT THE DETAILS OF SOVIET-POLISH COOPERATION IN THESE AREAS WERE DISCUSSED DURING EARLIER JAROSZEWICZ VISIT (REFTELS);

-- GIEREK'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE NEED FOR SOVIET HELP IN CITING "THE CLOSE COOPERATION IN MANY AREAS" BETWEEN POLAND AND THE USSR AND HIS BOW TOWARD PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM IN AFFIRMING "THE INDISSOLUBLE LINK BETWEEN INTERNATIONALISM AND PATRIOTISM."

-- REFERENCES TO "THE HIGHEST HUMAN RIGHT -- THE RIGHT TO A PEACEFUL LIFE."

2. WE EXPECT THAT WE WILL RECEIVE AT LEAST A TASS REPORT ON THE VISIT UPON GIEREK'S DEPARTURE AND THUS CONFIDENTIAL

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MAY GET A BETTER IDEA OF THE REASONS FOR GIEREK'S PRESENCE AT THIS TIME. ACCORDING TO THE GREAT SOVIET ENCYCLOPEDIA, GIEREK WAS BORN ON JANUARY 6, 1913, SO THE AWARD OF THE ORDER OF THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION ON THE OCCASION OF HIS 65TH BIRTHDAY COMES A BIT LATE -- ALTHOUGH BREZHNEV'S HEALTH MAY HAVE PREVENTED THE PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD ON OR NEAR THE BIRTH DATE ITSELF. TOON

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